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SRI D. DASARATHAN :—" கனம் சபாநாயகர் அவர்களே, விவசாயத்திற்கு மின்சார சக்தி அளிக்கப்படும்போதும், 'டெபாசிட்' தொகையை வாங்காமல் விவசாயிகளுக்கு உதவி செய்ய சர்க்கார் முன் வருமா ? "

THE HON. RAJA SRI SHANMUGA RAJESWARA SETHUPATHI :—" It is a different question which is being considered by the Government."

SRI T. ANANTA PAI :—" Since there is ample delay in giving service connections, will the Government consider the question of cutting through the red-tape? "

THE HON. RAJA SRI SHANMUGA RAJESWARA SETHUPATHI :—" The main question relates to the City."

Construction of an overbridge near Salem Junction Railway Station.

* 706 *Q.*—SRI K. V. RAMASWAMI : Will the Hon. the Minister for Agriculture be pleased to state—

(*a*) whether any representation was received from the public of Suramangalam Panchayat requesting the State Government to recommend to the Railway Board the construction of an overbridge near Salem Junction Railway Station ; and

(*b*) if so, the action taken thereon?

THE HON. SRI M. BHAKTAVATSALAM :—" (*a*) Representations were made by the Suramangalam Panchayat Board requesting the construction of a sub-way or overbridge at the northern end of Salem Junction.

" (*b*) The Suramangalam Panchayat Board was informed that there was no strong justification for the construction of an overbridge, and that if the Panchayat Board wanted to have a foot bridge for pedestrian traffic, the question of sanction of a half grant to it would be given due consideration, on its application, with an assurance that it would meet the other half of the cost."

SRI K. V. RAMASWAMI :—" கூட்ஸ் டிரெயின், லோகல் டிரெயின் ஆகியவை ஷண்டிங்குக்கு அடிக்கடி போய்க்கொண்டிருப்பதால் சூரமங்கலத்தில் இருக்கும்படியான லெவல் கிராசிங் கேட் பலமணி நேரங்கள் மூடப்பட்டிருக்கிறது. அதன் வழியாக ஒரு வாரத்திற்குப் பத்தாயிரம் வண்டிகள் செல்கின்றன. மேலும் எராளமான மக்கள் அதன்வழியே நடந்துசெல்லுகின்றனர். ஆனால் பெரும்பகுதி நேரம் இந்த கேட் மூடப்பட்டிருப்பதால் பெரிய இடையூறாக இருக்கிறது. உடனடியாக ஒரு ஓவர் பிரிட்ஜ் வேண்டுமென்று அந்தப் பஞ்சாயத்தார் கேட்டிருந்தும், இது வரைக்கும் என் காலதாமதம் ஏற்பட்டிருக்கிறது என்பதை மந்திரி அவர்கள் தெரிவிப்பார்களா ? "

8-50 a.m. THE HON. SRI M. BHAKTAVATSALAM :—" Sir, it is a question of finance and there are other bridges that have to be constructed and which are more urgent and more important than this. That is the trouble, Sir."

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SRI V. K. RAMASWAMY MUDALIAR :—" May I know, Sir, how the Hon. Minister for Agriculture is responsible for the construction of the overbridge? "

THE HON. SRI M. BHAKTAVATSALAM :—" Sir, I am supposed to be in charge of Railways so far as this State is concerned and that is why I am answering the question regarding the construction of an overbridge near the railway station."

Missing of 1,300 *rice bags from the Pallikkara Producers'-*cum-*Consumers' Co-operative Society, South Malabar.*

* 707 *Q.*—SRI K. P. GOPALAN : Will the Hon. the Minister for Health be pleased to state—

(*a*) whether it is a fact that 1,300 bags of rice were missing from the Pallikkara Producers'-*cum*-Consumers' Co-operative Society of South Malabar after the Executive Officer assumed charge; and

(*b*) if so, what action the Government propose to take in the matter?

THE HON. SRI A. B. SHETTY :—" (*a*) No bags of rice were found to be missing. But during the period from 1st June 1949 to 21st January 1953, when the Executive Officer was in charge of Pallikkara Provincial Co-operative Credit Society, a shortage of 4,301 bags of rice, 849 bags of paddy and 60 bags of other foodgrains was noticed.

" (*b*) The Society has filed an arbitration reference against the persons responsible for the recovery of the loss due to the shortage in excess of the normal shortage of 2 per cent, noticed during 1952–53. The shortage noticed during the other years were less than 2 per cent and their value was written off the accounts by the Society. The Government do not therefore propose to take any action in the matter."

SRI K. P. GOPALAN :—" In view of the fact that particularly in Malabar many incidents of this kind are reported, and discussed in the Assembly also, may I know from the Hon. Minister the steps proposed to be taken by the Government to prevent such things happening in the future? "

THE HON. SRI A. B. SHETTY :—" Sir, as far as the co-operative societies are concerned, each case is dealt with according to requirements."

SRI M. NARAYANA KURUP :—" May I know the period during which the Executive Officer was functioning in this society? "

THE HON. SRI A. B. SHETTY :—" I think he was functioning from 1949 to 1953."